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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Centres for Small Scale Industries are sanctioned on the basis of the proposals received from State Governments/Union Territories. No proposal has so far been received from the State of Arunachal Pradesh for setting up an IID Centre.

Workers retrenched due to closure of industrial units

[†]217. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a large number of small scale industrial units are lying closed in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the State-wise number of such units;

(c) the number of workers retrenched due to closure;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to revive these units; and

(e) the proposals sanctioned by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board till 1998 to set up industries under reserved category of small scale industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The major reasons for the closure of the small scale industrial (SSI) units are inadequacy of credit, technological obsolescence, marketing problems, managerial inadequacies etc. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) maintains data on sick SSI units and not for closed units. As per the latest data compiled by the RBI,

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the number of sick SSI units by the end of March 2000 was 3,04,235. The State-wise breakup of sick SSI units is given at Statement (See below). The data on number of workers retrenched as a result of closure of SSI units is not maintained by the RBI.

(d) Government is fully seized of the problems of industrial sickness in the SSI sector and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick industries, which *inter-alia* include institutional mechanism in the form of the State Level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIIC), special rehabilitation cells in banks and State Financial Institutions and elaborate guidelines issued by the RBI for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units.

(e) During the period from August 1991 to December 1998, total number of 143 foreign collaboration approvals have been granted by the Government for manufacture of SSI reserved items.

Statement

State-wise Data on Sick Small Scale Industries

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of sick SSI at the end of March 2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12461
2.	Assam	11445
3.	Bihar	26909
4.	Gujarat	5928
5.	Haryana	2952
6.	Himachal Pradesh	893
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	2002
8.	Karnataka	5416
9.	Kerala	9017
10.	Madhya Pradesh	6072
11.	Maharashtra	9115
12.	Manipur	5577

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Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of sick SSI at the end of March 2000
13.	Meghalaya	528
14.	Nagaland	168
15.	Orissa	7444
16.	Punjab	1897
17.	Rajasthan	7560
18.	Tamil Nadu	11602
19.	Tripura	7170
20.	Uttar Pradesh	21235
21.	West Bengal	143893
22.	Sikkim	25
23.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	31
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	120
25.	Chandigarh	150
26.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	46
27.	Delhi	3309
28.	Goa	161
29.	Lakshadweep	N.A.
30.	Mizoram	41
31.	Pondicherry	1052
32.	Daman and Diu	10
TOTAL:		304235

NOTE: The information given above for Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh States includes that of the newly formed States Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttaranchal respectively.

Survival of SSIs

218. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the impact on the survival of small scale industries in the country as a result of lifting of the Quantitative